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GALATIA SPARKS,

By "Pete."

Will Brown was down to the Bend the first of the week.

A good many of our people attended church at Prairie Center, Sunday. Did you ever see such nice winter weather? No, never—well, hardly even.

Will Fleanes and wife are visiting their parents, Jas. Brown and wife, west of town.

L. W. Bronson's new house is in the plasterers hands, and will soon be ready for an old-fashioned house warming.

To listen to the general conversation on a Saturday around town, one would not wonder why it is we have so many bad boys.

There was quite a row among the boys at the church door Sunday night. Some-one had better "look a leedle oust." People get tired of being thus disturbed, and somebody will get into trouble.

ABOUT ELLINWOOD.

The Advocate says:

Herman Wenke had a span of mules stolen from his pasture last Saturday night.

Died:—Mrs Remmert, wife of H. Remmert of northeast of town, Tuesday December 8th of childbirth hemorrhage. Deceased was in her 48th year.

Mrs. Annie Young, a daughter of Mrs. Herbert Sprinker and two of her children are reported as having the diphtheria and their home has been quarantined.

J. L. Ruddick was called to Seymour Indiana Friday morning by telegram announcing the death of his father which occurred there late Wednesday evening.

H. J. Ruetzel received his certificate as presidential elector from Billy Edwards last Friday. It is a handsome document and will be highly cherished by H. J. during the remainder of his days. He is the first democratic presidential elector ever chosen from the "big seventh district"—the largest in the country—and will be the last, as the "big seventh" will be no more by the time of the twentieth century quadriennial struggle.

L. C. Nazer, one of the south side's industrious farmers, lost his life last Friday by falling from a windmill tower. The vane had blown from the mill and it was his intention to go up and fix it, but just as he was emerging through the man hole in the platform he lost his hold and fell to the ground 30 feet below. When near the ground his body struck a water tank, which caused the breaking of both legs and one arm and threw him heavily backward to the ground, his head striking first, which member was badly crushed by concussion. Death was instantaneous.

From the Leader.

The hunters from Kansas City who are coming here to kill jack rabbits for the Kansas City poor, will arrive Sunday night.

It becomes our sad duty this week to record the death of Mrs. Etta Remmert, beloved wife of H. Remmert, northwest of town. Mrs. Remmert died yesterday morning after confinement.

Will Willms has been given a position as assistant in the Citizens bank. This is a good opening for the young man and he will doubtless improve his opportunities so that in time he may rise to a position of greater honor and trust.

Amos Johnson writes from Cripple Creek that he is in the mountains prospecting and having a fine time. He says the country agrees with him splendidly and that he is getting fat. Our readers need not be surprised if Amos comes back a bloated mine owner.

DISTRICT NO. 93.

From "Peggy."

Weather is quite favorable for all cereals.

Miss Ella Brunnemeyer left for Stafford City last Monday.

Rev. M. Keller and wife are up from McPherson visiting and also

preaching at the Dunkard church through the week.

Adam Geil, from Rash Co., had his sister and best lady out to church Sunday night.

Some one ask Oliver if he knows where the sock socker to sock the socks in is kept.

Fred Witte, of Heizer, was seen out repairing doors, and calling on friends Monday afternoon.

Rev. Isaac Brubaker has again returned to his home in Rice Co., after a two weeks' preaching at the church.

Clark Coss, Farnest Sterling Gary Arnold, Oliver Everitt and their best ladies attended church at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night.

Some people seem to be getting quite dangerous. Boys, you had better look a little out; some of these nights you may have some of the life taken out of you.

GRANT TOWNSHIP.

By "Garlic and Saurkraut."

B. Whaley is gathering his corn. C. H. Speck is putting up an ice house.

C. S. Emery finished sowing wheat last week.

Shooting match at Olmitz Saturday the 19th.

A. J. McAllister was doing business in Olmitz last Saturday.

The boys who went away to husk corn, are returning home.

Adolph Hampel now furnishes milk to the Olmitz skimmer.

Alonzo Harper and J. B. Wigton were up near Galatia last Sunday.

Hello there "Pumpkin-pie and Reporter" that's-enuff, don't you say it again.

Put White says his corn will make about 30 bushels to the acre; the hail or hoppers did not bother his corn much.

Leap year is almost gone, and our "old maids" are still "old maids" and most likely to remain so if they don't spunk up a little.

We notice plenty of hoppers in the prairie grass still; better set fire to your grass and burn them up if you don't want them to take your crops next year.

Coyotes are getting quite numerous up this way. J. Boyle, (the Blood creek scout) is getting after them with his bloodhound, shotgun and double-barreled self cocker.

Fearing that she will be beaten out of her widower, one old maid has called some of the younger maidens real low down names. Better look out, you may be called on to prove what you say, which well know you can't do.

A literary and debating society was organized at District No. 85 on the evening of the 11th. The next meeting will be on the evening of the 18th, and everyone is invited to come out and help us along. Question for debate next night: Resolved—That there is more profit in cattle raising than in swine raising. Chief disputants, affirmative, A. J. McAllister; negative, A. E. Wigton.

You fellows down there at the Bend gave the voters of our township a grand send-off by publishing to the world we sold our votes at the late election for a drink of liquor. Now just you come up this way and give us a call, we will give you a button for your kindness, and next year when you again run for office we will give you all our votes—only they will be the wrong way to count you in. But that is the way with hoggish people; give them the little finger and they will take the whole hand.

BOYD AND VICINITY.

By "Pumpkinpie and Reporter."

"Whiskers" got the mitten.

Is Frank Juttner love sick. I guess "nit."

Anton Schenk is making sourkraut at Olmitz.

Andy Mantz was visiting in Olmitz Saturday.

John Smith's daughter was visiting at Harper's last week.

Nick Lichter still hauls milk to the Olmitz skimming station.

"Sorrel Top" was in to see his sweetheart, Thursday last.

Chas. Z. is a holy terror, and says he will soon be an angel.

Haberman and Bothwack want to buy a hog for Christmas dinner.

Yockmaund got word from his girl up Blood creek the other day.

Photographs of the Olmitz church, skimmer, and other buildings were taken last week.

Nick Lindsay was away shucking corn. When he left he had \$2 and came back with \$4. See?

Henry Boyle says Franz Juttner wants to get that separator fixed, so

he can commence threshing right after harvest. Nothing like getting ready in time, Henry.

Miss Annie Zoth, who has been staying in the Bend all summer, is home to spend the winter.

Dan Muffett was seen in Boyd last week. He was a little off color, and did not have his dress suit on.

Boys, look out for a wedding. It is rumored that F. H. and H. W. will double up after Christmas.

How about this? The republicans say they did not treat anyone—not even to one glass of beer or a cigar. Then they claim they voted the democratic ticket. Ha, ha!

Thompson's Military Band.

At the opera house December 28, under the auspices of the Epworth League.

PROGRAM—PART FIRST.

- 1 March "Northland".....W. Paris Chambers
- 2 Overture "Poet and Peasant".....Suppi
- 3 Quartette for four horns "Come where my love lies dreaming".....McCray, Friend, Nolan and Read.
- 4 Song and Dance Schott "Lili and Lou".....Hall
- 5 Baritone Solo "Napoli".....H. E. Whittier
- 6 An Old Fashioned Jig "John A. Nolan" By.....L. Frederick
- 7 Grand Selection from "Il Trovatore".....Virdi Prof. Hennessy.

PART SECOND.

- 1 March "2nd Regt".....Hall
- 2 Waltzes "Mia Bella".....Otto Roeder
- 3 Dance "Tomah".....Thomas
- 4 Piccolo Solo "Sweet Birdies".....Cox Master George Plank.
- 5 Vocal Solo "On Venice Waters".....Miss Lottie Booth, Band accomp.
- 6 Hibernian Beauties.....Air. by W. S. Ripley
- 7 Grand Selection from J. P. Sousa's "New Opera".....El Captain

Admission—10 and 25 cents. 10 cents for reserved seats.

A good story is told on a rather nervous young lady. Yesterday she was at the crossing while the trainmen were doing some switching. As the train was backed up one of the brakemen shouted to the other: "Jump onto her when she comes by; run her down behind the elevator and cut her in two and bring the head end up to the depot." It is said the young lady jumped up and down and yelled murder as loud as she could.

Kansas is all Right.

Springfield Republican says its time to let up on Kansas: "Two great and virtuous journals published in the highly moral cities of New York and Chicago continue of assault the state of Kansas because that commonwealth preferred at the last election the populism of Lewelling, Leedy and Doster to the republicanism of Ingalls, Cy Leland and the editor of the Emporia Gazette.

"In answer to the Sun's sneers at the 'bad eminence of Kansas,' it might be said that Kansas provides school buildings for her children, which is more than the city of New York is doing. About 50,000 boys and girls of school age were turned away from the school doors last September in our great metropolis because there were no accommodations for them. Now, while we regret that the populist have carried Kansas, it is only fair to say that Kansas provides well for the education of her youth.

"Out in Chicago, that model community by the lake, the Times-Herald also has a fling at Kansas, saying that 'she stands condemned at the bar of public opinion as no state has ever been since the Union was formed.' And all because she elected the populist ticket.

It might in simple fairness be well to remind Chicago that, populist though she be, Kansas is years behind Chicago in breeding a class of thinkers who throw dynamite bombs at the police.

"Other points of comparison between Kansas and our two imperial cities would be interesting. For example, there are four times as much church-going in Kansas, in proportion to the population, as there is in New York and Chicago; four times as much sobriety; and four times as much moral cleanliness. If more than half of the people of Kansas want cheaper money, they have not yet developed 'financiers' who become millionaires by railroad wrecking and breaking the laws. If Kansas has her Peffers, New York has her Jay Goulds. An observer with half an eye can see all these things.

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